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NASA Visitor Center Events Scheduled for July

July 7 -- "Model Rocket Launch"

A model rocket launch will be held at 1 p.m. Models of various rockets will be launched. Model rocketeers are invited to bring their own rockets and launch them. The launch will be canceled if it is raining or winds exceed 18 mph.

July 8 -- "Bike Tour of the Main Base"

Learn about Wallops Flight Facility as you ride your bike on the NASA Main Base. Participants must bring their own bicycles, and wear a helmet. The tour starts at 3 p.m., is 3 miles long and takes approximately an hour. The tour will be cancelled if it is raining.

July 21 -- "Launches of Scale Models of NASA Launch Vehicles"

Visitor Center personnel will bring out a fleet of NASA scale models. Models of the Saturn V, Saturn IB, Little Joe and various sounding rockets will be launched to commemorate the first Moon landing on July 20, 1969. The launches start at 1 p.m. The program will be canceled if it is raining or winds exceed 18 mph.

On Saturdays and Sundays, the 10-minute puppet show, "Puppets in Space", is presented at 11 a.m. Puppet astronauts and Sam the monkey explore space flight and the space suit. An eight-minute version of the film "Astrosmiles" follows the puppet show.

On Sundays at 1 p.m. a 30-minute program on "Humans in space" is presented. The program looks at living and working in space and includes a review of the astronauts' meals and their wardrobe. The program is followed by an activity during which children have the opportunity to create their own "space helmet."

Children aged 5-10 years old can earn a "Space Ace" certificate and a lithograph during their visit by completing an activity sheet.

The Visitor Center, part of the Robert L. Krieger Education Complex, is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. from July 1 through Labor Day. It is located on Route 175 about six miles from Route 13 and five miles from Chincoteague, VA. Admission to Visitor Center Programs is free. For further information, please call (757) 824-2298.